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SOURCE Stateless person; president of the parliament and head of the Byelorussian Democratic Republic's government-in-exile, who has held a position of leadership in anti-Soviet emigre circles for over 20 years.

- Professor von Mende (I believe his first name is Grigor) is one of Germany's foremost experts on Eastern European nationalities. He speaks Russian and Georgian like a native and has an excellent command of many additional Slavic and non-Slavic languages spoken in Eastern Europe. Before World War II, and perhaps for some time during that war, he was a Professor of Slavistics at the University of Berlin. Under Alfred Rosenberg, he held a leading position in the Nazi Ministry of Eastern Affairs (Ostministerium).
- Von Mende was one of the shrewdest politicians who advised the Nazis on their Eastern policy. He specialized in Ukrainian, Georgian, and Byelorussian affairs, although his knowledge extended considerably beyond these areas. During the Nazi occupation of Eastern Europe, von Mende posed as a friend of the Ukrainians, Georgians, and Byelorussians. He was able to secure the collaboration of some quislings within those nations. Some outstanding examples of persons whom he grouped around himself are the Ukrainian general, Paul Schandruk, and the Byelorussian adventurer, Ostrowski. [Source did not clearly imply that Schandruk was to be considered a quisling, but mentioned that name as typical of the people whom von Mende gathered about himself.]
- It is generally known that Ostrowski collaborated with the Germans during the occupation of Byelorussia and that he conscripted young Byelorussians into a pro-German militia force during the period of the German retreat from the USSR. When the Germans had to give up their foothold on Byelorussia altogether, Ostrowski fled to what is now the British Zone of Germany. I have previously reported on Ostrowski's obscure status in Western Germany until 1948 and his temporary reemergence to some prominence in 1949.
- Von Mende at present is employed by the (British) Control Commission for Germany as a specialist on Eastern European affairs. He is reported to have an office in Lemgo, British Zone of Germany. In 1949, he succeeded in selling British intelligence on the use of Ostrowski and some of the latter's followers for an espionage scheme. So far as is known, elaborate preparations for the project have come to naught.
- Von Mende, a Balkan German who subscribes to the theory of the supremacy of the German nation over other nations in Europe, still maintains close contacts with Eastern DP's. I consider him as a German fascist who will never alter his basic attitude and decline to have anything to do with him, although he has made several attempts to meet with me, the last when I visited in Denmark.

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